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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Chakrabarti et al) Confirmation No.:
) 4078
Serial No.:	10/023,132)
) Group Art Unit:
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For:	Process for preparing 2-methyl-thieno- benzodiazepine) Examiner
) Brenda L. Coleman
Docket No.:	G-1265I)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003, paper number 6, the Office subjected pending claims 1-26 to a restriction requirement.

REMARKS

The Office set forth a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-13, 25, and 26 drawn to the process of preparing 2-methyl-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazine)-10H-thieno[2,3-b][1,5]-benzodiazepine compounds of formula I, classified in class 540, subclass 557.

Group II – Claims 14-20, drawn to the intermediate compounds of formula II, classified in class 540, subclass 557.